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MEMORANDUM FOR

Director, Central Intelligence Agency

Subj: Presidential Emergency Communications Task Group; convening of

Encl: (1) Copy of Director, Office of Emergency Planning Top Secret Memorandum dated 3 July 1962

A task group has been convened by enclosure (1) for the purpose of defining the emergency communications requirements of the President.

This task group will be composed of representatives from the following departments and agencies: (1) State Department; (2) Defense Communications Agency; (3) Central Intelligence Agency; (4) Bureau of the Budget; (5) Office of Emergency Planning; (6) Federal Communications Commission; (7) Director of Telecommunications; (8) Speacial Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; and (9) the White House Army Signal Agency.

It would be greatly appreciated if you would designate a member of your emergency planning or communications staff to attend the first meeting of this task group which is scheduled for 10:00 a.m., 13 July 1962, in my office at the White House.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN TAZEWELL T. SHEPARD, JR.

You will recall that in the Report to the President on NSAM 127 the Committee included in its recommendations the following:

"16. That within 60 days after approval of the recommendation, a statement of the communications needs of the President and the top civilian leaders be developed by a task group within the Executive Office of the President with participation as appropriate from State, Defense, and other agencies, and that such a statement of communications needs be given to Defense as soon as approved by the President to guide the planning for the survivable national system;"

It has been determined that this task group should be developed under your direction and leadership and should include Mr. Creath Tooley, (Code 113, Ext. 3521) representing the Office of Emergency Planning; Mr. Richard Warner, (Code 113, Ext. 3362) representing the Bureau of the Budget; and representatives from the Defense Communications Agency and Dr. Wiesner's staff. I am asking the latter to advise you of their designees for this study, and will ask them to inform you promptly.

If you determine that participation is desired from the Department of State or any other departments or agencies, you may arrange for that participation; or, if you prefer, I will obtain such additional participation as you may desire.

The report of this task group requires action by the Emergency Planning Committee by August 25th, 1962. I would herefore appreciate having your report by August 20th, 1962.

Copies to Honorable Elmer Staats Mr. Solis Horwitz Edward A. McDermott

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